

FROM EUROPE TO OVERSEAS

SAINTS, MARTYRS, HEROES,
MODELS AND SOFT POWER
IN AN EARLY MODERN
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

International conference organized by Michela Catto and Eleonora Rai and sponsored by Grant for Internationalization, project "Saints, heroes and martyrs in a global perspective (15th-20th centuries)" [Michela Catto, Franco Motta, Silvia Cavicchioli, Laura Gaffuri, Paolo Cozzo, Natale Spineto] and MUR Young Researchers, project Jesuitization - The Jesuit Law of Canonization: Models, Aristocracy, Gender (1500s-1700s) [Eleonora Rai]

Paolo Uccello, *San Giorgio e il Drago*, 1460 - London, National Gallery

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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Tuesday 20th

UNIVERSITY OF TURIN, PALAZZO NUOVO
VIA SANT'OTTAVIO 20, TORINO
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY - AULA SEMINARI, 3rd FLOOR

2 pm – 2.15 pm

Gianluca Cuniberti (Head of Department of History)
Institutional greetings

2.15 pm – 2.30 pm

Michela Catto and **Eleonora Rai**
Welcome and introduction

2.30 pm – 3.15 pm

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Timothy Johnson (Flagler College) - Introduced by
Laura Gaffuri
"Y esta palabra de Cristo se a de predicar en lengua inteligible":
*The pastoral-theological project of Fray Francisco Pareja
and Timucua Authors in La Florida*

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm

Break

3.45 pm – 5.45 pm

SESSION 1 ▪ SANCTITY: EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

Chair: **Emanuele Colombo**

Paolo Cozzo (University of Turin)

*Il culto dei martiri romani nel Piemonte sabauda:
dinamiche e strategie fra età moderna e contemporanea*

Laura Gaffuri (University of Turin)

*I confini incerti di un'agiografia di corte: il culto del margravio
Bernardo II di Baden (1428-1458) tra Piemonte ed Europa*

Eliseo Serrano Martín (University of Zaragoza)

*Pascual Baylón y Pedro Selleras, dos caras de la santidad
franciscana contrarreformista*

Pierluigi Giovannucci (University of Padua)

*Prospero Lambertini e la difficile valutazione giudiziaria
della morte dei servi di Dio*

Wednesday 21st

FONDAZIONE LUIGI FIRPO
CENTRO DI STUDI SUL PENSIERO POLITICO ONLUS
PIAZZA CARLO ALBERTO 3, TORINO

9.30 am – 11 am

SESSION 2 ▪ THE POWER OF 'SAINTS': CHARISMA, KNOWLEDGE, AND COMMUNICATION

Chair: **Joris Geldhof**

Vincenzo Lavenia (University of Bologna)

Mercurio e il paradiso. Santità e informazione nel Seicento

Guido Mongini (University of Padua)

*Il potere dell'illuminazione. Politica dei carismi tra "poteri terzi"
e soft power nell'Europa moderna*

Antonio De Caro (University of Zurich)

*A visual itinerary of sanctity? Miraculous images of Saint Francis Xavier
and his depictions from East to West during the early modern era*

11 am – 11.30 am

Break

11.30 am – 1 pm

SESSION 3 ▪ SAINTS AS NEW HEROES? CHRISTIAN HEROICITY AND CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

Chair: **Ana Hosne**

Michela Catto (University of Turin)

Samson in China. Matteo Ricci and the birth of the Jesuit mission

Paolo Bianchini (University of Turin)

*Santi alunni. Modelli di comportamento per bambini e ragazzi tra
culto dell'infanzia e promozione delle scuole degli ordini religiosi*

Frédéric Meyer (University of Savoie Mont Blanc)

*Un franciscain dans la tranchée en 1629, Bonaventure d'Amiens:
saint, héros ou martyr?*

1 pm – 2.30 pm

Break

2.30 pm – 4 pm

SESSION 4 ▪ MARTYRS AND MISSIONARIES I

Chair: **Michela Catto**

Emanuele Colombo (DePaul University, Chicago)

*Mission, martyrdom, and miracles: the beatification process
of Rodolfo Acquaviva and Marcello Mastrilli*

Pierre Antoine Fabre (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris)

L'estrema violenza nel martirio: il caso dei martiri di Nuova Francia

Federico Bonansea (University of Turin)

*Pedro Claver, missionario tra gli Etiopi d'America.
Traiettorie di un santo della Compagnia di Gesù*

4 pm – 4.30 pm

Break

4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

SESSION 5 ▪ MARTYRS AND MISSIONARIES II

Chair: **Franco Motta**

Leonardo Cohen (Ben Gurion University)

*The epistolary exchange between the Catholic Patriarch
of Ethiopia and the Emperor Fasilidas: images of defeat,
exile and disappointment (1634)*

Ana C. Hosne (National Council for Scientific Research, CONICET, Argentina)

*Martyrs or criminals? Chinese views of European missionaries
in the late Ming and Qing periods (17th-18th centuries)*

Sabina Pavone (University of Naples L'Orientale)

*I martiri gesuiti d'India: un cammino tortuoso tra storia,
beatificazioni e canonizzazioni*

Mihaela Vlăsceanu (West University of Timișoara)

*Martyrdom as visual propaganda in the art of Eighteenth
century. A case study on the Banat*

Thursday 22nd

FONDAZIONE LUIGI FIRPO
CENTRO DI STUDI SUL PENSIERO POLITICO ONLUS
PIAZZA CARLO ALBERTO 3, TORINO

9.15 am – 11.15 am

SESSION 6 ▪ THE FLESH AND THE SOUL. HOLINESS, MYSTICISM, AND THE BODY

Chair: **Antonio De Caro**

Andrea Pezzini (University of Bern)

*Dead bodies between popular piety and promotion strategies
in 18th- and 19th-century Italy*

Eva Fontana Castelli (University of Turin)

*Le stigmate della Restaurazione.
Il caso di Marie Claire Planson (1808-1832)*

Mila Fumini (National Endowment for the Humanities, Medici Archive Project)

Maria Nagłowska: the Divine Mother and purity in the diabolical

Eleonora Rai (University of Turin)

*The monastery of lies.
Simulation of sanctity and sollicitatio ad turpia (1800s)*

11.15 pm – 11.45 pm

Break

11.45 am – 12.45 pm

SESSION 7 ▪ RELICS AND SUPERSTITION

Chair: **Federico Bonansea**

Jésus Criado Mainar (University of Zaragoza)

*Reliquias y relato hagiográfico: algunos ejemplos
de relicarios elocuentes en Aragón en el marco
de la Contrarreforma temprana*

Virginia Vadori (University of Turin)

*«Zelo barbaro e furioso»: Francesco Salfi and the fight against
the religious superstition at the end of the 18th century*

12.45 pm – 1.30 pm

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Joris Geldhof (KU Leuven) – Introduced by **Eleonora Rai**
*Saints from the Roman Missal: Local, universal, national
and international? A liturgical perspective*

1.30 pm

Final remarks and greetings